

GRADUATION

The only rehearsal for commencement will be held from nine until noon in the Washington School auditorium, Friday, May 26. Anyone not coming will be unable to graduate formally. Promptness will insure completion before 12:00.

Caps and gowns will be issued Thursday and Friday, May 18 and 19, from room 19, between 12 and 1 o'clock.

BULLETIN

Soon to be available to all students is the J.C. Bulletin and Announcement of Courses for 1944-45. It contains complete up-to-date information about courses, requirements, faculty, and calendars. It will be mailed to all graduates of surrounding high schools and to other institutions which send students to S.J.C.

ELECTIONS

Student body elections will be held again this year at the beginning of the new fall semester, due to war-time uncertainty of students returning here. Prior to last year, elections were always held before the close of the spring semester, usually during May.

LA REATA

La Reatas may not arrive by May 15 due to war-time publishing and binding delays. To assure themselves of a copy, students are urged to pay their \$2.50 to the Student Store, since it is expected that there will not be enough copies. Students, however, will get prior consideration.

EDITORIAL

It is the end of another year. We are still fighting. They say we are winning. We do not know, but we must hope and prepare. For, win or lose, we must be ready for a new future, a changed future, a future more unknown and unpredictable than ever.

It has been a good year here. We have done much. We have laughed and played and enjoyed life. But more than that, we have learned. We here now have learned much, and those who have left us have taken with them both the laughter and the learning. Both are vital for our future; the laughter reminds of what is being fought for, the learning helps in the fighting and ultimately in the great rebuilding to come.

Thus it is that our schools are most in importance in the world to come. Our school, better than some, lesser than few, is important. It is important because of its averageness, which is in turn important because of its highness.

But this importance does not rest entirely upon the learning. The laughter is its equal. To be Americans we must be a free

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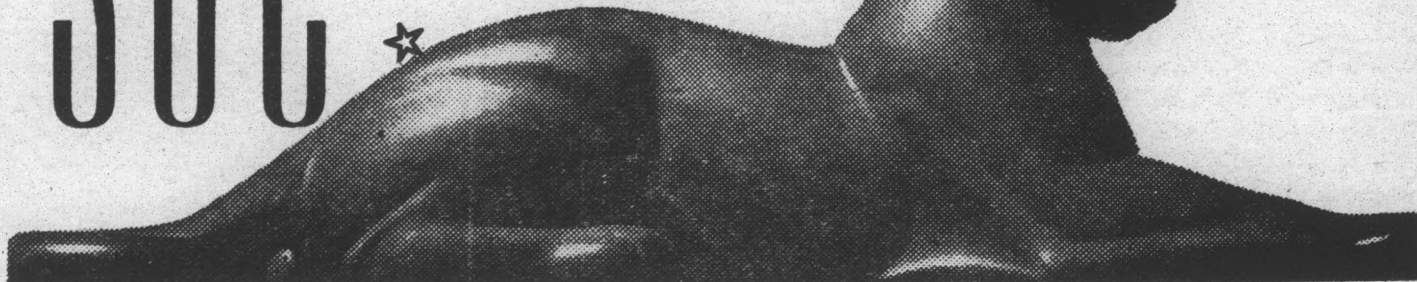
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NEXT EDITOR OF PANTHER ANNOUNCED

Miss Mary Somky, for two semesters assistant editor of Panther Sentinel, will assume full editorship with the opening of the new fall term.

Miss Somky, a Journalism major, was formerly editor of the Gonzales Union High School paper, the Comet, during the second semester of her senior year there.

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COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD AT WASHINGTON SCHOOL

U.G.C.

PICNIC PARTY IS TODAY IN CENTRAL PARK

This afternoon at two o'clock the annual Upsilon Gamma Chi picnic, given for all S.J.C. students and faculty members, is scheduled at the Salinas Central Avenue Park with entertainment, athletics, and food galore served picnic style.

The games will be held first on the J.C. campus before the student body and faculty leave for the park and a faculty-student volleyball game, consisting of mixed players, will start off the afternoon of fun beginning at two o'clock. This will be followed with a faculty-student softball game at two-thirty. Other popular games, races, and relays where a large number can participate is also scheduled and prizes will be given. Mr. Peavy and Gloria Bencich are in charge of the entertainment and will be assisted by Miss Handley, Mr.

22 SOPHOMORES TO GRADUATE IN EVENING CEREMONIES

Friday, May 26, 8:00 p.m. 22 graduating Sophomores of Salinas Junior College, class of 1944, facing one of the most important moments in their lives, will

SPEAKERS FOR GRADUATION NAMED HERE

Miss June Handley, Dean of Women at Salinas Junior College, announced Tuesday morning the speech topics to be given by the student speakers, Jennie Panziera, and William Lee, having the highest grade point average of the graduating class for the commencement exercises on Friday, May 25.

Following selections played by the S.J.C. concert trio, William Lee will first speak on the Problems of Education for the New World. Jennie Panziera will continue with the Programs of Education for the New World.

Amyx, Maisie McCann, and Margaret Werner.

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March to the strains of Processional to the platform and there begin to take their part in the commencement exercises of '44.

Commencement speakers will be William Lee and Jennie Panziera. President John B. Lemos will make the introduction of the graduates, with Roy J. Ladera awarding the degrees. Benediction will be given by Rev. M. L. Kemper and the ceremony will be under the direction of Lorell McCann.

A complete outline of the program is as follows:

Dr. R. D. Case, city superintendent of schools, presiding.

Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," Edgar; Star Spangled Banner, Frances Scott Key, Junior College Ensemble.

Invocation, Rev. Keppell W. Hill.

Concert Trio, "Serenade" by Titl; Maisie McCann, flute; Elinor Smith, cello; Frances Phil-

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HERE WE ARE!

Inside Dopes Of Panther Sentinel Now Revealed!

This issue marks, if not the grand climax, at least the finish of two solid semesters of steady banging out of Panther Sentinels, wearing ourselves and our typewriters to veritable nubbins in the doing so. You who read these pages don't know much about us. Perhaps it was the lure of the unknown that kept you reading the paper. Today you shall find out. Today the secrecy is lifted, the curtains are drawn aside, all seven veils are thrown away, and we shall stand revealed after months of successfully avoiding self-publicity. Ahem!

(Flourish of trumpets)

"INTRODUCING OURSELVES! THE INNAH WORKINGS OF A PANTHAH SENTINEL! STEP THIS WAY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! ONLY TEN CENTS! STEP RIGHT UP!

"And now, ladies and gentlemen, here on the right is our prize exhibit. We don't call him a freak. We just let you look at him and draw your own conclusions! His name is JIM ARMSTRONG. He thinks he's an editor. He's winding up his third semester on the paper, two of them as editor, the first as fill-in sports editor. He's pounded out a sort of steady column called *Idiot's Delight*, and for a while there did things to the *Eye-Spy* column with his private gremlin. Then he wrote editorials, too, but we don't talk about that. He'll be back again, so we'll go on to something interesting.

"The rest of this exhibit, ladies and gentlemen, is a sparkling array of femininity beginning with MARY SOMKY. Mary, first of the three two-semester acts, is winding up a successful one-year career as official editorial trouble-shooter on the tough assignments, and maker-up of Page 2. This live-wire journalist still on the rise from triumphs in high school, is currently busy unlacing the editorial shoes preparatory to donning them next year.

"Right in here, finishing another two-semester stretch is HELEN PASSADORI (amiable Carmelite and Exchange editor), who has devoted most of her time to writing the G.I. column

and poring through the many out-of-town exchanges. Her typewriter is ever a-chatter in the inner sanctum.

"And here is the last of the old timers, MARJORIE HUBBARD. This roving genius, ever exerting squatter's rights on the editorial throne and desk, is responsible for the library column which appeared from time to time, as well as various feature articles of interest. Marjorie will probably be here next semester, so you may look forward to further 'Hubbardiana' in future Panther Sentinels.

"The next item of interest definitely is ANN CASATI, who adroitly stepped right into and has competently filled the traces as sports editor, when the long arm reached out and Hollis Best was with us no more. In recent issues she has expanded the once defunct Sports Chatter column and made a going concern of it, as well as doing her best toward stirring up more interest in sports. It is interesting to note that most of her work was done while second and third parties kept her pointed toward her typewriter rather than out the window at baseball games.

"BETTY BAGBY neatly filled a gap on the reportorial department, came the beginning of semester, and has been banging out high-power copy ever since. It is she who worms her way through old files and turns up with the tidbits in the column of the same name.

"VIRGINIA OLSON, Bagby's inseparable sidekick, and chief wit of the staff, is thus far just another reporter. But editorial beards wagged and the word goes round . . . 'That gal has promise.' She has accounted for a steady stream of copy of varying subject matter, and anticipates doing so next semester. . .

"PHYLLIS GEORGE, fresh off the staff of the high school's leading organ of the press, has taken the staff by storm, pounding out copy and taking over *Eye Spy* with a vim and vigor which

SJC Registration Begins Sept. 5 For Fall Semester

Registration for the opening of Salinas Junior College for the college year, 1944-45, has been set for September 5 and 6, with classes convening on September 7, it was announced by President John B. Lemos.

In addition to the regular courses in the academic and occupational divisions, the junior college has geared some of its curricula to the war effort during the past year. There are offered short courses which are repeated at regular intervals throughout the year for the benefit of those who, due to the war conditions, may find it impossible to attend a full semester. Special Pre-Induction courses in Mathematics, Physics, Navigation, and English are now a regular part of the college offering.

"According to the contacts that have been made with the ten high schools surrounding the Salinas district, we expect enrollment for the opening of school on September 5 somewhat higher than this year's opening enrollment. Fewer students are enlisting immediately after graduating from high school and therefore intend to continue with their education until at such time when they will be called by selective service. It is expected that if war conditions remain as they are, a greater percentage of boys graduating from neighboring high schools will attend this year," stated President John B. Lemos.

KAY CARLSEN TO WED SOON

Upon arrival at her destination—Casper, Wyoming, Miss Kay Carlsen will wed Cpl. Al Wilson, former student and graduate of S.J.C. The wedding will take place in Casper, with Miss Carlsen's attendants being her mother and Mrs. George G. Wilson, of Santa Cruz, the benedict's mother.

Kay is expected to resume her junior college secretarial duties possibly by the opening of the fall semester.

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promises future rewards, if she abstains from her propensities for raiding the editor's lunch boxes.

"Next year, we'll return. New exhibits, new show, new year, new thrills, new chills. Thank you one and all for your kind attendance. The curtain has been rung down."

## S.J.C. G.I.

Lt. FRED LARSON, who is on a 20-day furlough, visited his alma mater last week. Lt. Larson received the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

Lt. Larson graduated from Salinas J.C. in 1940, and was a member of the original rally committee. He was overseas for two years, being in New Guinea, the Marshall and Gilbert Islands being among numerous other places.

Cpl. JACK RITTENHOUSE, who attended J.C. in 1938, is at present stationed in the Hawaiian Islands with the engineer corps. Cpl. Rittenhouse has been in the army for over two years. He was a former Salinas J.C. football star.

Ensign ROBERT VORIS, U.S. Navy, after spending several days leave in Santa Cruz, reported for a new assignment on May 4.

Ensign Voris just completed a nine months' training course at New York. Prior to entering the navy he was with the merchant marine and has been in New Caledonia, Hawaii, Dutch Harbor, and the Aleutians.

His brothers, Lieut. Roy Voris of the navy and Tech. Sgt. Dick Voris of the army, are both somewhere in the South Pacific. All three brothers graduated from Salinas J.C.

Former J.C. students who were visitors at their alma mater this week were RALPH THOMSEN and CALVIN COOK of the army, and SAM BLACK of the navy air corps who recently graduated from St. Mary's Pre-Flight School.

News of the safe arrival of 2nd Lt. DONALD McDOUGALL, navigator on a Flying Fortress, in England, has been received by his parents. Lt. McDougall was a student at J.C. in '42.

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## INTERVIEW

Local Reporter  
Interviews PantherOscar Talks! Exclusive  
Talk Reveals All!

BY JIM ARMSTRONG

"Right this way, honored sir, right this way, if you please!" and with much bowing and scraping the private gremlin ushered us into the Presence. We were properly awed at the lush ap-

pointments of the huge room. Heavy pile carpets into which we sank to our knees covered the floors. Jewel-encrusted draperies and tapestries hung the walls. Gilded chairs were around the walls, interspersed with silken oriental divans and inlaid occasional tables. A gigantic chandelier hung its coruscating crystalline brilliance from the muraled ceiling.

"It just goes to show you what a 35 cent hot plate can do," said a soft purring voice.

Our neck swiveled back to north-east again and there, behind a gold and silver desk sat Sylvester Jehosaphat Coma, familiarly known as "Oscar." It was a mite hard to recognize him at first, since his usual posture is that recumbent one on the front lawn. But right now he was lolling back in the big leather chair, hind paws on the desk, and one front paw comfortably on his stomach while the other held a long jade cigarette holder. He blinked comfortably at me and his long tail curled up and very deftly flicked the ashes from his cigarette. He took a long puff.

"I rather expected someone about this time, ever since that female interviewed me last year. It was rather a new experience, having someone sit down and talk face to face to me instead of sprawling all over me."

With a casual wave of his tail, he continued, "Ever since December, 1940, when they put a white cloth over me one day and dragged it off the next while the band blared in my ear and much useless oratory poured out onto the air, I've been watching this place grow up, expand, become greater. The student body kept increasing. One year we crossed the thousand mark. We were rated as one of the most vital and wealthy junior colleges in

California, and everyone who finished here wished that they were just starting.

Then things began to happen. Only I had to wait until December 8 to hear about it as little knots of worried students dotted the lawn, talking about the future. Then the great exodus began. Students left in steady streams, both men and women. Faculty went, too, and we lost two grand presidents in rapid succession.

"The students here now are younger, somehow, than the others were. But they realize what has to be done, and they are doing it. The spirit of S.J.C. is still alive, and that it is a good spirit can be seen when the alumni come back, in groups of twos and threes, and singly, wearing different clothes, and a different manner, but determined that J.C. and all it so obviously stands for won't be let down if they can help it.

"I've noticed this about the past year; the student body may have been small, but they've kept alive the traditions and activities as though the Jaysee body were much larger. They had a good competitive sports season, and a social life quite as splendid as that of better years. They have kept the traditions alive and active. They've put out a year book in spite of everything, at a time when other schools, larger than this, have abandoned them.

"I feel rather proud, happy, and contented when I think of this year. I'm not worrying. In spite of everything, J.C. is still a vital force, and I'm confident it will continue to be."

I stayed a while longer with Oscar, who was in a garrulous mood, and I left his office with a sort of glow. As the symbol of Salinas Junior College, he symbolized a great many other things—all of them wholesome, forceful, and American. We'll never forget either him or them!

EYE :  
SPY :

## FINAL WHEEZE

Panther Sentinel . . . the last issue for this year . . . many interesting tidbits for gossip have been printed here in a place called "Eyespy"; romance budded; jealousy reared its ugly head; romance on the provincial rocks; K.B.'s introduced; the charter members of the "Paper Dolls" still charter; Toro Park; Bessie's home; Barbara and Lloyd; sun-tans; Winter Ball, Whiskerino; ribbonero; Mary and Tony, Elmer's sweaters; Pajamarino; Aly Ferrasci's debut; Zeo and Lefty; Lieutenants; "and what's your trouble, little boy?"; Sad Case; Lee 'n Marks; Sad Hatters; What's life? . . ."; Mary Brown and "well-ll-ll"; Mascaroni, George, Hill, professionals; Dexter, U.E.P.; O.T.P.D.S.; Soph Show; Spring Prom; club meetings; Jack ("Ah-h-h-h, whee! Gee!") Fremont; Wac vs. Coed games, Sybilann Wells, star; and "I WANNA BUY A PAYPER DAWL . . ."

Up-TO-DATE: BETTIE ANNE BAGBY and DOUG ORR still holding hands in both private and not so private places. EDNA PANZIERA was on the receiving end of a goodbye kiss by GEORGE ELLIOT, who left Monday a la navy. "Esjaysee JO" swears that it won't just a quickie! CLYDENE MERRILL wept over his leaving!

Enjoying the music of Stan Kenton, both in Santa Cruz on Thursday night and at Del Monte on Friday eve were JEANNE WALLACH, GEORGE MOYER; ALISON DAVIES and THE Ensign; BARBARA BUSHNELL, LLOYD WESLEY; CORINNE HALL and an unrecognized sailor; LEFTY SUMMERS, ZEO WHEELER; MERRIE CASE, DICK DUANE; JACK FREMONT, MARY JANE REEL; MARGIE WERNER, SAM BLACK; and TONY RODRIQUEZ, a la stag.

CLARENCE LAMB walking down the main hall, arm around BETTY LOU FONTENEAU after TOM HEARN made a remark about Betty being the prettiest girl in the school.

STINKY WILLIAMS is sporting a "pair of silver wings" . . . just on a platonic basis, though. WILLIE FLAUSE and HELEN PAPAC have been seeing each other through rose-colored glasses. DAVE HILL is practicing his dance steps and bridge game so he can delight MARY FITZBUCK this summer. TOM HOWARD and MARY GOLDEN feeling wonderful about the whole situation . . . vacation and more!

Pfc. DON LO PRESTI has been around on a short furlough. You remember him of MIKE, DOTTIE, HAL, BEV, RUTHIE, COEHLO and Verutti fame. His romance with MARY HELEN FERGUSON was the romance of the year.

DEXTER WHITCOMBE and BARBARA HEPLE just sat and laughed and laughed in the library, over their own little private "keep out" joke!

And, now, in the words of that famous . . . somebody . . . "Cut 10 per cent, quit beating your gums, and let's blow this rat race" . . . Goo'by!

## EDITORIAL

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people. Free people love laughter, and it is laughter which makes life livable for the whole of us. This year we have learned. We have laughed. We have lived. Our school and all our other schools have, this year, kept both life and learning active and vital, and have supplied the incentive in us to give and work to try and make them ever so.

There are those of us, no longer present, who do not laugh, who do not live. They possessed that incentive and have given ev-

everything to foster it, if not in themselves, then in others. We all know this, and behind our laughter now we know we will do the same if we must. The living are more important than the dead, for they must take their places. We are preparing to take their places, but if possible, not in death. We are preparing to make their deaths mean something for the now and for the will be.

It is the end of another year. Another school year. We are still fighting. They say we are winning. We do not know if we are winning in this moment. But we know that we will win.

We have been laughing as we learn.



## Sports *By Ann Casati* Chatter

Here it is time to close up shop again for another year. It's been fun writing about the sports here at S.J.C. and everywhere else where sports are a main feature. It was so hard after basketball season was over with to find anything to write about. Track, baseball, and tennis were in a three-way tie for first place on the campus. For approximately three weeks we waited for a decision to be made. Finally tennis came out the victor. Then around that time the coeds started their baseball games with the S.A.A.B. Wacs, and Page 4 began to really look like the sport pages of the previous semester. The news was there, without doubt and wonder. Now, instead of trying to find something to write about, we were trying to find space to put what we had already written. Besides tumbling, tennis, track, basketball, and baseball, we had ping pong, and badminton and commandos to give space to.

Badminton was done up in the women's department, with Fran Phillips and Helen Papac coming out the winners. Coach Peavy took over the commandos, and after attending a conference in S.F., he increased the program. Ping pong is still being run off. Remember to bring your results into Panther Sentinel office. THE TOURNAMENT ENDS ON TUESDAY, MAY 16!

That winds up the sports for this college year. We hope to be back again next semester bringing you the up-to-date news from the fifty-yard line, the basketball courts, and the baseball diamond.

## GYM CLASSES HOLDING TRACK MEET; AWARDS TO BE GIVEN

During the past week on Tuesday and Thursday, Coach G. D. Peavy has kept his gym classes busy with track. A meet has been run off in the regular class periods, and will be completed

next Tuesday. The winner will receive the intramural track medal. The group placement is five, three, one. Only the three high-point men will be given awards.

## Commencement ..

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lips, piano; "Meditation," Elinor Smith; cello soloist, Elinor Smith; piano accompanist, Frances Phillips.

Commencement speakers, "Education for the New World," "Problems," William Lee; "Programs," Jennie Panziera.

Vocal ensemble, (1) Venetian Love Song, Nevin; (2) "Awakening," Lorell McCann; Shirley Dyer, Virginia Atchison, Betty Lou Fonteneau, Jean Turner, Dorothy Zenudio, Mary Gilpin; accompanists, Frances Phillips, piano; Leon K. Amyx, marimba-phone.

Conferring of special awards: Science award, William Lee, by Mr. Wilbert Robinson.

Home Economics award, Lucille Jacobsen, by Mrs. Hope Baxter.

American Legion Auxiliary award, to be announced.

American Legion award, to be announced.

Soroptimist Club Loan Scholarship award, to be announced.

Alpha Gamma Sigma awards, Dr. Luella J. Hall.

Business and Profession Wom-

en's Scholarship, Miss Gertrude Waterman.

Alpha Gamma Sigma commencement gift, Babette Hagerman.

Junior College Ensemble, "Intermezzo From Goyescas", Granados.

Presentation of graduates, John B. Lemos, president of Salinas J.C.

Conferring of degrees, Roy J. Ladra, member of Board of Trustees.

Benediction, Rev. M. L. Kemper.



# SPORTS

## Basketball Biggest Success in Season Sports

Basketball at S.J.C. this year was a great success. The season started with very little hope of producing any team at all. Shortage of playing material, which

### REVIEW

## Tennis Team Had Full Schedule During Season

After the completion of basketball, track, baseball, and tennis were next in line. Between the three sports, tennis received the bid. Six men made up the fiery squad. Only one member of last year's team was returned to the team. The first match held with the Monterey Toreador netsters was the first defeat for the Jay-see men. The next two matches against the Presidio of Monterey found the college men dropping both. Meeting the Carmel Padres on the C.H.S. courts, Esjaysee won their first match, 5-2. The event with Carmel on the local courts yesterday was the last scheduled match the J.C. netsters have.

prevailed in the majority of sports at the college, was the main disadvantage. Disregarding this, Coach Peavy and the Jay-see men began practicing. The biggest hope in the hearts of the team members, student body and alumni, was to have a winning basketball team, and this hope was fulfilled. After losing the first three games, the team settled down to steady practice, and shortly they began to function as a smooth working unit. The Panthers won their next two games and then dropped one to Monterey.

After this fourth loss, the Panther team broke loose and went through a 10-game winning streak. Their next game was lost to the County Bank Comets. They wound up the season in grand glory, beating the Fort Ord Medics. Out of 18 games played, this hard fighting, hard hitting squad won 13 contests. Disregarding the many setbacks which prevailed at the opening of the official season, the team came thru in fine style.

## TUMBLING

## Tumblers Make 37 Appearances During Year

Beginning in October, and following through to the present, the S.J.C. tumblers have to their credit 37 appearances. At times

Recessional, Marche Heroique, Saint-Saens.

the troupe has performed with as few as two and three performers. In all, 13 coeds have participated during the season. The group has appeared at high schools, on the deputation excursions, U.S.O. buildings, military and fraternal organizations, and clubs.

## U.G.C. ....

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The picnic lunch, headed by Bessie Cominos and Audrey Van Ess, will be served at four o'clock. Following, dancing will be enjoyed at the park pavilion with music provided by a juke box.

U.G.C.'s president, Lucille Jacobsen and vice-president Barbara Heple are general co-chairmen of the picnic; committee heads for transportation of food are Sheila Cochran and Mr. Robinson; finances, Phyllis Easton; publicity, Norma Lorentzen; and clean-up, Dorothy Nybro.

Buses are being held over until the picnic comes to a close.